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SUMMARY: PRESIDENT SENGHOR LOOKING FORWARD TO MAY 22 MEETING WITH PRESIDENT FORD. HOPES TO MEET IBRD PRESIDENT, UNSYG, AND DESIRES SPEND EVENING OF MAY 22 IN WASHINGTON. END SUMMARY.

1. DURING PRIVATE DINNER LAST NIGHT, PRESIDENT SENGHOR SAID HE WAS PLEASED WITH PROGRESS ON PREPARATIONS FOR HIS VISIT TO WASHINGTON. HE LOOKED FORWARD TO SEEING PRESIDENT FORD ON MAY 22 AND HAD GIVEN AMBASSADOR COULBARY "CARTE BLANCHE" TO ARRANGE REST OF US PROGRAM. HOWEVER, ARRANGEMENTS FOR MEXICAN SOJOURN WERE NOT MOVING SWIFTLY. COULBARY WAS GOOD AMBASSADOR, BUT HE HAD "PERIODS OF SLOWNESS".

2. I TOLD SENGHOR I WOULD BE GLAD TO CONVEY ANY MESSAGES AND GENERALLY ASSIST, ALTHOUGH I WAS WELL AWARE HE PREFERRED TO HAVE HIS ENVOY ON THE SPOT HANDLE ARRANGEMENTS. HE SAID HE MIGHT HAVE TO CHANGE
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CHANNELS. SENGHOR INDICATED DESIRE TO REMAIN IN

WASHINGTON EVENING OF MAY 22, BECAUSE HE HOPED TO SEE IBRD PRESIDENT MCNAMARA AND OTHERS. I EXPLAINED SIGNIFICANCE OF MEMORIAL DAY, CELEBRATED MAY 26 THIS YEAR, AND THAT I HAD HEARD PRIVATELY OF SOME CONSIDERATION OF MAY 27 FOR PEN CLUB FUNCTION. HE SAID HE THOUGH HE WOULD BE ABLE TO ACCEPT IF PEN CLUB PROPOSED MAY 27, BUT THIS WORD HAD NOT YET REACHED HIM THROUGH COULBARY.

3. SENGHOR SAID HE HAD HOPED TO VISIT US SOUTH, BECAUSE HE FELT THERE PROBABLY WAS MORE FORWARD MOTION ON RACE RELATIONS THAN IN OTHER REGIONS. IN ADDITION TO MCNAMARA, HE DESIRED MEETING WITH UNSYG WALDHEIM AND UNDP DIRECTOR RUDOLPH PETERSON. DAVID MORSE WOULD ARRANGE MEETING WITH INFLUENTIAL JEWISH LEADERS FOR PRIVATE DISCUSSION OF MIDDLE EAST ISSUES. HE ALSO WISHED TO SEE FORMER AMBASSADOR MERCER COOK AND SOME OTHER OLD FRIENDS.

4. PRESIDENT SAID HE HOPED MADAME SENGHOR WOULD ACCOMPANY HIM THIS TIME. SHE CURRENTLY IN PARIS RECOVERING FROM OPERATION, BUT SHE SHOULD RETURN ON MAR 15 AND HOPEFULLY WOULD STEADILY RECUPERATE.

5. OTHER SUBJECTS DISCUSSED WILL BE REPORTED SEPTEL. AGGREY

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